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to withdraw from there and concentrate all the troops at Ladysmith. Bu

the governor represented that this step would invoive such grave political re-

sults, that I determined to accept the

military risk of holding Dundee, as the

lesser of two evils."

General White then proceeds to de

scribe the subsequent attack by 4,000 Boers, of whom about 500 were killed or

counded, three of their guns being left

dismounted at Talana bill, but, he adds.

there was no opportunity of bringing them off. He also describes how the

Boers were seen streaming away in bodies of from fifty to 100.

THE KENTUCKY CONTEST.

A Test Vote Will Be Taken To-Day

on the Van Meter-Berry Case,

Which Will Show the Strength of

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 26.-To

pected to foreshadow with some accur-

norrow a vote will be taken in the

Both the Democrats and Republicans

them and who is against them. There

he is personally interested. The Re-

publicans assert that they are absolute-

51 to 48 in their favor, and are confident

The city has been very quiet all day,

without the slightest sign of trouble.

tion, the claim will be made by the Re-

legally, because he did not have a ma-

This possible plan of procedure was

would not discuss it.

At the opening of the house session

and minority reports were presented by

gubernatorial contest committees forty

BIRTHDAY OF EMPEROR

Great Pomp.

clock in the morning military bands

will perform the so-called "Waking" along the Unter der Linden to Bran-

denburg gate. Simultaneously trum-

peters from the castle cupola will play

several chorals. At noon there will be

the generals and admirals will be pres-

lute of 101 guns will be fired. The pa-

role is "long life to the emperor-king."

The Bundesrath, Reichstag and Diet

will give banquets, omitting their usual

sessions, the nunicipal council will

present an address to the emperor; the

chools and universities will celebrate,

and all Berlin will be illuminated in the

mperor has postponed the performance

of the historical play, "Der Reizenzahr

"The Iron Tooth"), which was to have

eceived its premiere at the Royal The

INDEPENDENT

Window Glass Men Will Not Meet

the Cut in Prices.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 26.-All of the

urers of Pittsburg gave notice to-day

that they will not sell glass for delivery after February 1 at the cut price

set by the American Glara Compan

which yesterday announced that it had decided upon another reduction of from five to ten per cent. The local indepen-dent firms will store their glass until

the present condition has passed, but ctaim that the isolated and smalle companies will be compelled to clost their works. Orders for 5,000 box, lot were turned down to-day. The present fire will be finished and the productions.

window glass manufac

evening.

atre this evening.

ent. On his majesty's appearance a sa-

a parole at the arsenal, at which all

vote of 49 to 47.

Both Parties.

## WARREN FELL **BACK FROM** SPION KOP

Position Proved Untenable, and Was Abandoned the Night After Its Capture.

## BRITISH ADVANCES CHECKED

Boer Forces Have Started a Heavy Bombardment of Kimberley and Ladysmith.

LONDON, Jan. 27 .- 4 a. m .- Sever days of fighting have left the main Beer positions intact, and General Buller's army is 700 weaker, according to house of representatives that is exthe official casualty lists, which seemingly do not include the Spion Kop acy the strength that both sides will losses, as those last forwarded do not be able to muster when the gubernamention General Woodgate's wounding, torial centest comes up. The vote will diers it uttered. Not much effort is county.
made to place a happy construction upon General Buller's bare eighteen words, telling of the retirement from Splon Kop, and there is an uneasy impression abroad that worse news is yet to come. At one of the military clubs to-night the statement passed from one member to another that the war office had received an unpleasant supplementary Democrats claim with confidence that dispatch from General Buller, which of these they will have at least 52 votes Gen.

Post, writes as follows of the Spion Kop to vote, as the question is one in which "This is a serious mistake, and an at tempt will not here be made to minimize it, for no greater wrong can be done to our people at home than to mis-lead them about the significance of the

events of the war. The right way is to tell the truth as far as we know it." But facts from the neighborhood of the Tugela are scantier than ever. The ing mountaineers in the city, but they censorship now is simply prohibitive, and something is wrong with the ca bles. The break on the east coast lines has been repaired, but the cable between

San Thome and Loanda, on the wes

coast, is now interrupted. "More troops," is the only suggestion here as to the way to break the Boer resistance. Mr. Wilkinson regrets that General Buller has not 20,000 more men. declaring that, if they would not make victory certain, his enterprise without them is hopeles. The Spectator, dealing with the necessity of large additional military preparations, says: "It may be that we have yet another cycle of disas-

LONDON., Jan. 26, 11:10 a. m .- Th war office has just posted the following dispatch from General Buller, dated

Spearman's Camp; Thursday, Jan. 25, noon. General Warren's garrison, I am sor ry to say, I find this morning, had in

the night abandoned Spion kop.' LADYSMITH, Sunday, Jan. 21.—(By runner, via Frere Camp, Wednesday, Jan. 24.)—The garrison is watching Gen. Buller's guns shelling the Boers. Their fire can be seen at this distance and appears to be effective. The movenents of the Boers show that they are evidently determined to stubbornly op-

nose the advance of the relief column They show no signs of removing their guns and have mounted new ones, and are continually strengthening their for tifications. Our fortifications have been greatly strengthened since January 6, and Ladysmith is now practically im-

Owing to the decrease of the fever, the number of convalescents returnifrom Intombi camp exceeds that of the patients being sent there.

The supplies are spinning out sple didly, all the troops having sufficient

The heat is terrific, the thermometer registering 107 in the shade LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Pall Mall Ga-

zette expects that "the advance will again continue as it began, with a ser ies of rushes. A kapje taken here, half mile gain there, and that we snall have, in short, to fight our way to the rescue by hardly won degrees. Ladysmith, nevertheless, will be saved." The Globe says it is asured that th

country will face the situation calmiy and bravely, with the firm determin tion to prees forward unflinchingly in

Special olapatches from Durban say during the fighting on Sunday last, were very great. General Warren's men cap red 130 prisoners and 130 Boers wer found dead in one trench.

## Boer Accounts.

PRETORIA, Wednesday, Jan. 24. The federal forces have started a heav combardment of Kimberly. The garri ons new gun carried five miles, bu ollapsed after a few shots.

A body of 200 lancers made a sortic from Ladysmith under cover of a heavy annon and rifle fire from the forts or posite the lauger of the Pretoria con nando. The British retired with ev ent loss. One Boer was wounded. heavy cannonade started this morning

LONDON, Jan. 26.-The Gazette to lay publishes a number of dispatches from General Buller to the war office enclosing reports from Generals White illdyard, Mathuen and other generals garding their various operations, bu ntaining nothing later than the reed of occurrences to the middle

## Gen. White Reports.

dispatch from General White ed November 2, nave: of was so greatly impressed with the

aponed position of the garrison of at

# Glencoe that I determined, October 11, **PORTS ARE**

General Kobbe's Troops Occupy Prin-cipal Hemp Ports With Large Quantity Ready for Shipment.

#### THE NASHVILLE BOMBARDED

The Fortifications and Troops Landed at Legaspi, Killing or Mortally Wounding Fifty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 .- Gen. Otis report of yesterday's movements in the campaign in Luzon is as follows:

"MANILA, Jan. 26. "Hayes' cavalry, reported at Santa ruz, drove the enemy out of Luzena Tayabas and adjacent towns, rescue wenty Spanish prisoners and five wom England is possessed of a depressing be on the contest brought by Van en; other Spanish prisoners were moved sense of failure, although not a word of Metre, Democrat, for the seat now held criticism of her generals and her solclaim to have a majority on the im- 15th inst. saying eleven American prispending vote, and while it will not, of oners leave to-morrow; know not to course, be in any way decisive, it will what place. Hayes' casualties, one put every man on record, and the party managers will know just who is for slightly wounded. OTIS."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 .- Gen. Otis are 100 members of the house, and the to-day cabled the war department as

Gen. Kobbe's troops occupy the hemy was being held up for twelve hours.

Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning the Republican contestee, not being able bay and Legaspl, southeastern Luzon, Virac island, Catanduanos; will probably occupy the ports of Calbayou Cathbalogan and Tacloban on the islly certain that the vote will be at least and of Samar and of Leyte before to 51 to 48 in their favor, and are confident of receiving several votes in addition at Legaspi, where eight hundred insurgents, strongly entrenched under Chinese Gen. Powah, made a stubborn re sistance. Troops landed under the pro-There are still quite a number of visit- tection of the guns of the Nashy which fiercely bombarded the fortifications at close range. Enemy's loss ove In case Goebel wins in the legislature fifty killed or mortally wounded, twenthe Republicans will make an effort to carry the matter to the United States most hand to hand encounter, refusing supreme court. The Goebel men are to surrender. Our casualties: Capt. Bradley Hancock, quartermaster of volunteers, aide to Kobbe, wounded in joint ballot, and in the event of their being successful in this method of electhe Nashville, slightly wounded. These publicans that Goebel was chosen il- ports contain great quantity of hemp ready for shipment and will be oper

> orky of both houses independently. 13th inst. MANILA. Jan. 26 (6:45 P. M.)-A deannounced to-night by anti-Goebel spatch from Sorsogon, dated Thursday, Democrats. The straight Republicans Jan. 25, says: Brig.-Gen, Kobbe's expedition has ocupied Sorsogon, Donsol, Dulan, Logaspo and Virac, on Catanthe Van Meter-Berry contest from Jef-ferson county being a special order for at Legaspl, where five Americans were this morning, a resolution was offered by Representative Grider, of Bowling wounded Filipinos were found.

It is estimated that there are 125.00 breen, providing that when majority bales of hemp in these provinces and 78,000 tales in the ports of Sorsogon and

minutes should be allowed each side for debate and that all the evidences in the The T The United States gunboat Nashville's shrapnel burned 80,000 bales in Legaspi. The expedition arrived off cases should be read. Mr. Finn (Rep.). of Simpson county, moved to lay the orsogon Jan. 20 and the town displayed notion on the table, and as the Repubwhite flags. Gen. Kobbe and Co contest cases and the Democrats for Howe, with a hattalion of the Fortyquick action, the vote was the first test seventh infantry, landed and raised the By Students from Morgantown, Says icans are avowedly for delay in the of strength on the contest cases. The United States flag. The insurgent force, motion to lay on the table was lost by numbering 300 men, evacuated the place. The natives were passive. Dur-A compromise\_between the Demo- ing the morning of Jan. 23 the Nashratic and Republican leaders resulted ville and Venus, with four companies n the adoption of a resolution that the of the Forty-seventh infantry regiment the adoption of a resolution that the majority and under Major Shipton, approached Lehouse should hear the majority and gaspi. Filipino flags were flying and incrity reports as a committee of the gaspi. Filipino flags were flying and following number of genuine cases party. He said the tiller of the soil was whole, not less than twenty and not the trenches were crowded. A detach- of smallpox existing to-day: Fay- the most helpless man in business, and whole, not less than twenty and not mere than fifty minutes being allowed for discussion and argument.

The trenches were crowded. A detach-of smallpox existing to-day: Fay-ete county, 18: Lewis, 1; Harrison, 5; Shipton, landed on the beach about a mile north of the town. The Nashville port has been received by Dr. Blubaugh the trenches and the county and the county is small to detach and even if prosperity swept the land and crops were good, the farmer would not port has been received by Dr. Blubaugh the trenches and the county is small to detach and even if prosperity swept the land and crops were good, the farmer would not get his just dues, for the most reprise man in deficiency, that the most reprise man in deficiency, the most reprise man in deficiency, that the most reprise man in deficiency, that the most reprise man in deficiency, that the most reprise man in deficiency, the most reprise man in deficiency and the most reprise man in deficiency, the most reprise man in deficiency and the most reprise man in defic ombarded the trenches and the enemy etreated to Albay, whence they were

#### Of Germany to Be Celebrated With asily dispersed to the hills Compelled Villagers to Fight.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.-While the orders About 200 insurgents, armed with ifles, forced 600 unwilling villagers, f Emperor William to omit all court fetes owing to the death of the mother rmed with bows and arrows, to serve of the empress will be carried out rign the trenches in the close range stree prously, the military and popular celefighting before the enemy fled. The bration of his majesty's birthoay to-Filipino dead were mostly villagers

morrow will not be omitted. At 8 who were attempting to fiee. The expedition will proceed to Sama and Leyte, where the Forty-third in fantry and a battallon of the Third ar

tillery will be distributed. The natives complain of lack of food esulting from the blockade. They are strongly opposed to the return of the friars. Native priests are officiating i

the churches.

Lieut.-Col. Webb C. Hayes has defeated an entrenched force of the enemy at Sariaga. One American was killed and five were wounded. A record of leven American prisoners was found. Capt. Casteel, while scouting near Baras with his company, encountered 400 insurgents. He was reinforced by Capt, Gracie, and the enemy was driven to Tanay. One American was killed

## PUBILC BUSINESS SUSPENDED

and one was wounded.

In the House to Listen to Eulogies on the Life and Services of the Late Vice President Hobart - Tributes Breathed Love and Admiration in Which He Was Universally Held.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The great oer portion of the session of the house to-day was devoted to eulogies upon the life and public services of the late the Dominion police have no knowledge of the whereabouts of Miller, the Frankin syndicate manager, of New York, and that no representations paid to his memory were not the usual perfunctory eulogies, but breathed the United States authorities in the matter. r portion of the session of the house thich he was universally held.

Refore the culogies began the con-ference report on the census bill was adopted and an attempt was made to pass a bill to pay the cost of repairing the Manila cable, which Dewey cut just prior to his great victory. Opposition

developed, however, and it went over. The bill authorises the secretary of state to pay the Australasia and China Telegraph Company the amount of the expenses incurred during the war with Spain and provoked considerable oppo-No action was taken upon it and at 2 o'clock the house suspended public business to listen to tributes to he memory of the late Vice-Presider Hobart. The following paid tribute to his memory: Garner, New Jersey; Stewart. New Jersey; Payne, New York: Dulzell, Pennsylvania; Brosius, Pennsylvania; Richardson, Tennessee; Grosvenor, Ohio: Parker, New Jersey Dolliver, Iowa: Fowler, New Jersey Cousins, Iowa: Daly, New Jersey; Lou-denslager, New Jersey; Griggs, Georgia: Salmon, New Jersey, and Mr. Swanson, Virginia.

## PURPLE PENCIL POLITICS.

McGraw Has Filed Another Brief, but Senator Scott Stands Pat-Case Will be Taken Up To-day.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—The committee on privileges and elections of the senate will to-morrow take up the controversy over the title of Sena-tor Scott's seat in the senate.

The opposition yesterday filed anothe brief. As has been stated, Senator Scott will rely upon his statement of the case as set forth in the brief which was filed in December.

### EXPORTS TO PHILIPPINES

For July of Last Year Amounted to \$1,577,580.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The war de-partment made public to-day the folowing summary statement of the comnerce of the Philippines during the nonth of July, 1899: The total value of merchandise im-

ported at all ports in the archipelago during said month amounted to \$1,577, 530, of which amount articles to the value of \$192,192 were imported free of Articles of food and animals imported

impunted to \$581,022, or thirty-seven per amounted to \$1,156,469. Products of agriculture amounted to \$1,019,881, or eighty-eight per cent. of the total. As to Roberts' Salary and Mileage. WASHINGTON, Jan, 26.-The ques-

tion of salary and mileage allowance of Mr. Roberts is to be considered by the house committee on accounts. There is about \$1.000 on mileage and a like amount for salary conditionally due Mr. Roberts, but there is some doubt as to whether these should be allowed. The attorney general, on application, has refused to pass on the subject, as it is not in his jurisdiction, and the comprroiler of the treasury has also referred the matter back to the committee on accounts. The latter will now seek to get at the law in the case, and reach a decision. ion of salary and mileage allowance of

## Spanish Prisoners Released.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-The pro ress of the movement begun about hree months ago, towards the return three months ago, towards the return to Spain of the prisoners released from the Filipinos, is reported by General Otis in the following cablegram, re-ceived at the war department to-day: "Released Spanish prisoners; 74 offi-cers, 1,000 enlisted men, 22 civic officials, 21 wives and 33 children were furnished transportation to Spain yesterday."

## SMALLPOX SPREAD

Health Officer. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., an. 26,-Dr. C. B. Blubaugh, president of the state board of health, has received reports from local health officers in vawhich states that the suspected cases at Smithville, Ritchle county, are genuine, and authority was given to establish a quarantine there. Authority was publican party, he said, because it places the dollar above the man. Fairmont and Harrisville, though there are no cases existing at these points.

## TELEGRAPHIC TIPS.

The United States gunboat Machias as arrived at La Guayra, Ex-Minister Phelps is sick with pneutonia at New Haven, Conn.

The Danish steamer Livadia, from Eamburg, for Philadelphia, ashore at Terschelling, has become a total wreck. The crew have been all safely landed. A great strike of carpenters em on the Paris exposition build-nvolving five thousand men, has naugurated in Paris. The strings, involving five thousand men, has been inaugurated in Paris. The stri-ters demand an increase of wages to

ne franc per hour. A call has been issued for a joint cau-cus of Republican senators and representatives in Congress at 5 p. m., uary 30, in the hail of the house, for the purpose of organizing the Republican

national congressional committee. Manheim Brown, the tenth Juror in Molineux trial, whose illness was the cause of the adjournment of the trial, is rapidly convalescing. His physician said yesterday there was little doubt that Mr. Brown would be able to resume his seat in the jury box on Monday next.

A special dispatch from Shanghai says the news of the abdication of the Chinese emperor has caused a tremenlous sensation in Japan, where a strong desire is expressed to adopt stringent measures, as it is believed Russia is the leading hand in the coup d'etat.

The Associated Press is authorized

# **BRYAN AND** DELAWARE DEMOCRATS.

The Nebraskan Kindly Received by Prominent Politicians of the Blue Hen State.

#### SPREADS IT ON FOR GRANGERS

Mourns Because the Income Tax Was Not Enacted Before Spanish War.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 26.-Wm J. Bryan spent to-day among the Democrats of the Blue Hen State and was royally received wherever he went. Although he made only two speeches, Mr. Bryan put in a very busy day. He left the State Bar Asociation for a separate Harrisburg, Pa., at 1 o'clock this morning and ate breakfast in the Pennsylvania railroad station at Philadelphia. He arrived here at 11 o'clock, and a few a minutes later was being whirled towards Smyrns, about half way down the state. The run from Wilmington Smyrna was somewhat of an ovation. Good sixed crowds cheered famous Nebraskan as he sped past the little country stations.

#### Interesting Incident.

M. Bryan was accompanied to Smyr-na by Governor Tunnell, of Delaware; ex-Congressman L. Irving Handy, also of Delaware, and J. Frank Turner, for mer comptroller of Maryland. On the run down through the state an inter esting incident took place. Abner Mc-Kinley, brother of the President, happened to be on the train, he being on his way to Norfolk, Va. When he learned that Colonel Bryan was aboard, cent. of the total. The total value of merchandise exported during the month Bryan was and greted him. The gen-Bryan was and greted him. The gen-tlemen had met before and recognized one another readily. They exchanged pleasantries for about five minutes, to the great amusement of the small party in the car.

Colonel Bryan was met at Clayton where trains were changed, by a reception committee and a band, and was es corted to Smyrna amid much enthusi-asm. The whole population of Smyrna seemed to have turned out to welcome the distinguished visitor.

Mr. Bryan was entertained at lunchon by Governor Tunnell and a number f prominent Delaware citizens of Smyrns, after which the party walked to the opera house, a short distance away, where the colonel spoke to a large audience.

## Speech at Smyrna.

opera house, the capacity of which is 800, was crowded to the doors. Governor Tunnell presided and introduced Mr. Bryan. The colonel started out by saying that he only had one hour and twenty-five minutes to speak, as he must hurry to Wilmington. He wished for more time because there were many things that he wanted to discuss that are of such importance they cannot be easily dismissed. He said he was glad to meet and address the farmers of Delaware because the issues of the day were of vital import-

He told his hearers that the Republican party was not taking care of farm-ers, and that the time had come when rious parts of the state which show the no farmers could be members of that who control trade would not grant the farmer the price he asked for his products. The monied men control the Re-

"This party is run in the interest of the trader and not in the interest of the producers," the speaker continued.

Col. Bryan then said that he wanted to speak to Republicans in particular, as he wanted to show them how the Republican organization was controlled by corporations, and how it is throttling the workingmen day by day. He lieves the privates in the ranks of the Republican party are honest, but wish ed to impress them with the fact that they are being misled.

Mr. Bryan then took up the income tax question. He spoke of what its benefits would have been had the law on that subject been put on the statute

"When the Spanish war came on," he said, "the people of the country real ized the mistake that had been made by reason of the income tax law being detective bureau, for obtaining money relegated to the rear, and necessitating the creation of the war tax. Instead of the rich being taxed, now a revenue stamp stares the poor in the face every time they buy something."

#### The Money Question The speaker then presented his well

tnown views on the money question and trusts, and closed his address with broadside against imperialism, which ne termed "the unjust war against the "Hundreds of American lives are be-

ing sacrificed," he said, "with the idea that it would bring us trade." The return trip from Smyrna to Wil-

ington was begun at 3:45'p. m. the way back the party was joined by John Saulsbury, who is said to have seen the first delegate to the Chicago convention of 1896, to cast a vote fo Bryan. The two men proceeded to re tell the incident of that memorable asion. When the train arrived her Mr. Bryan was met by another commit tee and a band and was escorted to th Clayton House, where he had dinner with a number of prominent Delaware

Democrats. At 8 o'clock the Nebras-tan addressed a large and enthusiastic GENERAL Democrats. At S o'clock the Nebrasandlence in the opera house. Mr. Bryan will be in Washington to-

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Adjourned After Making Arrange ments for Coming Campaign-Com mittee Appointed to Confer With Bar Association in Regard to Separate Conventions for the Nomina tion of Supreme Court Judges.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligenour. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 28.-The state democratic executive commi ee adjourned this afternoon after mak ng preliminary arrangements for the coming campaign. No changes were made in organization, except that the resignation of A. S. Johnston as a member of the organization committee wa cepted and J. H. Hinton was elected in his stead. W. A. Ohley, of this city was continued as chairman, the other members being T. S. Riley, of Wheelng; Stuart F. Walker, of Martinsburg,

and J. A. Holley, of Hamlin. The aub-committee which was apconvention to nominate judges for the supreme court, reported that it was of opinion that "the proposition presents a well merited reform," and recommended the appointment of another miltee to confer with the Ba Association in respect to the matter. A committee consisting of C. H. Tan

ey, of Wheeling; C. L. Smith, of Fair ment: W. L. Mansfield, of Charleston and R. E. Horner, of Parkersburg, was appointed to organize a press bureau Nearly all of the members of the com-mittee and others who attended the neeting left for their homes to-day.

## MORGANTOWN MELANGE.

University Faculty Passed Orders Reising Standard of Work-Gift of Pips Organ to Presbyterian Church. Interesting Notes and News From the Athens of the Mountain State. cial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 26.— The faculty of the West Virginia Uni-

versity has passed several orders, which will considerably raise the standard of ork done at the institution. Six adlicional courses in history have been added to the preparatory work. After July of this year candidates for admis-July of this year candidates for admission to the two-year certificate course in law must have had twenty-four preparatory courses, and after July 1, 1961, the requirements for admission to this course, as well as to the four-years degree course in the college of law, will be the same as the requirements for the degree course in the college of aris and sciences. Another important order of the facility is that relating to the summor quarter. It will begin on the day following the June commencement, June 2, and will close about August 31, three weeks earlier than hereforce. At a meeting of the congregation of the Presbylerian church last night, Rev. Mr. Buchanan, the pastor, announced the gift of a \$2,500 pipe organ to the church. The donor's name is withheld.

Waltman T. Barbe, field agent of university, will take advantage of year's vacation, to which he is enti-d, by taking a course at Harvard iversity, leading to the degree of Doc-

Philosophy, ral J. B. Gordon and Henry Wat-

General J. B. Gordon and Henry Watterson have been engaged to lecture at the university, the former on the "Last Days of the Confederacy" and the latter on "Morale and Money."

Blahop Peterkin has asked Rev. Dr. Gammar. of Winchester, Va., to fill the Episcopal pulpit here, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. Gilbert Henna.

Bold thieves broke a \$75 plate glass front at Balley's hardware store, on Main street, last night, and took a case of revolvers from the window.

Mr. G. B. Murray, chief chemist at the Edgar Thompson steel plant, Braddock, Pa., delivered an illustrated lecture at the university last night. His subject was: The Chemical History of the Steel Bail.

Rail."
The stock of goods assigned by Will-

## to Larzelle & Stewart, has been sold to Kellar & Jolliffe, of Mannington. The price paid was \$4,100. BOARD OF FOURTIEATION

#### To West at Charleston Feb. 6 to Arrange Preliminaries.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 26. the request of several members of the board. Auditor Lafollette to-day suggested that the state board of equalization meet here Feb. 6 for the purpos tion mest here Feb. of the purpose of arranging the preliminaries for their meeting to equalize the new real estate assessments. Thirty-two out of the fifty-four countles have reported. The board is composed of Thomas O'Brien, of Wheshias, R. P. Chew, of Charleston: William R. Lother, of Parkersburg: J. W. Heavener, of Buckhannon, and Peter Siman, of Charleston.

Arrested and Taken to Washington al Dispatch to the Intelligencer

MARTINEBURG, W. Va., Jan. 26 .-W. Rinker was arrested here to-day N. R. Herndon, of the Washington detective bureau, for obtaining meney under false pretenses. It is charged that he got a number of Washington merchants to cash his checks, which were drawn on the banks of this place, in which he had no funds. Rinker was recently in the grocery business here, and his family lives here. He left suddenly several weeks ago to avoid paying a one for carrying concealed weapons, but returned yesterday. He accompanied the officer to Washington without protest.

### Indictments for Minor Offenses. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 26,to-day. There were over 200 misde-meator indictments, chiefiy for Sunday selling; 230 of these were against saloon men who kept slot machines. Thomas Carroll, city councilman, was indicted for lollering in a house of ill fame, as The grand jury made its annual reporr lollering in a house of ill fame, a

Buying Up Coal Lands. KINGWOOD, W. Va., Jan. 26.-Se retary of State Dawson is in town lookg after coal lands. He has purcha under many farms in

(Preston) county.

# DECLINE IN PRICES

In Most Articles, Though Much Bus iness is Contracted for in Advance.

### IRON AND STEELPRICESYIELDED

And Are a Shade Lower Than Since September - Bessemer Pig and Billets Firmly Held.

Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say break up the "continuous joint ses-

No news is not always good news year has been light in some branches and much below the production last of the Iswa operators who have demonth. It is perhaps too often forgotten that industries start this year with larger contracts ahead than ever before, and when half of the work of the whole year has been ordered in advance there cannot continue quite the

same activity in new buying. The woolen manufacture has just opened a new season with the largest transactions ever known in a single week, it is said, but in most other lines contracts previously booked would make similar activity impossible. Yet there is seen enough of hesitation caused by advanced prices to make in-activity trying. Distribution to consumers throughout the country is rapid and large, especially in quarters where it has been feared retailers were overbuying, so that there is strong confidence in the future.

It could not be expected that business

would adjust itself without any embarrassment to such a rise of prices as has occurred. Early in December wool rose too high for prices then obtainable for woolen goods, and weeks of duliness

The boot and shoe manufacture is re ceiving small orders, as jobbers pay the prices asked only for such limited supplies as are needed for sorting, but their urgency to receive goods heretofore ordered is marked, and shipments from Boston have been 280,963 cases in four weeks, about four per cent. more than in 1898, and sixteen per cent. more than in 1895, with greater increase over every other year. Leatner is inactive and slightly weaker in spite of heavy exports, and hides are yielding at Chi-

cago with accumulation of stocks. Iron and steel prices have been yielding for several weeks and are a shade ower for products than at any other time since the middle of September though Bessemer pig and billets are still so scarce and firmly held that only two sales amounting to 8,000 tons are Agreements to hold-the price of bars do not prevent sales at Philadelphia for \$2,071/2 of iron considered by buyers best refined, ac cording to the Iron Age, though sellers call it common, and plates and sheets are both irregular there, with narroy plates sold at Pittsburg below \$2.25. Structural shapes are not quoted lower, but the New York Central contract for 13,000 tons of bridge material went to the Pennsylvania, Pencoyd & Detroit works, and two orders for 25,000 tons of ralis are taken at Chicago. Last year 13,626,703 tons of pig were produced, according to the official record, the con-sumption being 13,774,727 tons.

In minor metals tin only has been ac-

moderate demand for goods, and the extensive famine in India is expected wages and other concessions. I regret to reduce British sales in that country, while the addition of 8,963,384 spindles at the south in 1899, reported by the Textile World, would imply a heavier increase than has been supposed in consumption, not by northern mills. Scarcity of water has curtailed the output for weks past, and yet prices are hardly held, with distant contracts a shade

lower. Cotton has risen to eight cents. Although exports during the month have been 274,000 bales smaller than last year, receipts from plantations having diminished about as much. Middling uplands are now sold at a higher price than has been quoted since Septe 1897, and are more than 14c, higher than at this time last year.

Wheat has advanced to 75%c., with no clear reason for such a sharp advance. Western receipts are small, I four weeks only 10,984,928 bushels. against 17,290,257 last year, but the Atlantic exports have been only 7,737,474 bushels, flour included, against 17,037,-333 last year. Pacific exports show a little gain, amounting to 3,311,236 bushels for the same four weeks, against 2,175,248 last year, but this is of no mid o Atlantic markets. Exports of corn still show that American food is wanted abroad, having been in four weeks 13,-482,792 bushels, against 12,370,564 last year. Nevertheless the price of cash corn has declined about three-quarters of a cent, although option prices are about the same as at the close last

In the United States, against 224 last year, and 38 in Canada, sgainst 33 last year.

## AMERICAN STEEL CARS

For French Military Experiments-Will Soon Be in Use.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 26.—Pittsburg will soon be furnishing a new kind of war equipment to the world. It became known to-day that the 100 steel cars recently ordered by the Paris. Lyons & Mediterranean Railway of 5 a. France from the Pressed Steel Car 12 m

Company, of this city, are to be made the subjects of novel and important ex-periment by the French government. They are to be tested for their fitness for use in armored trains in the trans-portation of troops. The Paris, Lyons & Mediterranean is one of the gov-ernment roads of France, and if the steel cars prove satisfactory all the other government lines of France will be equipped with them.

#### THE MINERS' SCALE

Twenty Cents Increase Desired By Radical Men-Announcement That Tyree Connell Strike in Fairmont Region Has Been Settled and Men Gone to Work at Ten Cents Ad-

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 26 .- The feeling between the miners and the operators is not cordial. The breach ems to widen every hour. The action NEW YORK, Jan. 26.-R. G. Dun & of the miners convention in deciding to sion" plan and have a sine die adjourn-New business for manufacturers this ment of the convention, was extremely radical. "Gag rule" and the exclusion parted in disgust, are given as the reasons for forcing a sine die adjournment. The executive session of the miners this morning, as another indication that they are determined to keep secret their wage scale defhands, and compel the operators to show their

Yesterday the operators of Ohlo, Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania are reported to have voted as a unit to pre vent an agreement that will bind the operators of the four states compact to adopt the run of the mine system—so strenuously demanded by the miners' end of the scale committee.

As it takes an unanimous vote to

bind a scale agreement trouble is expected and a long debate when the scale committee reports to the joint confer-Some operators are predicting a dead-

Several Ohio operators are willing to give ten cents, but the majority are against this. Illinois operators are deermined not to grant the miners de-

mands. Predictions of a general sirike on the part of the United Mine Workers are freely made. If a general suspension is ordered it will have to come from the national board, which will hold a ses ion after the adjournment of the joint

#### conference West Virginia's Position.

The following was issued to-day: "In the joint conference, F. L. Robbins, a Pittsburgh operator, made a statement regarding the position of West Virginia. He said that the United Mine Workers of the state had not kept their promises. There was but one mine in the Kanawha valley paying 2 cents per bushel for mining. The other nines are paying 2% and 2% cents a bushel for mining, where screens are used. Where the run of mine system prevails the prices are from 25 cents per ton. In the fourth pool of the Pittsburgh district operators are paying but 2 cents per bushel for screen mined coal. This low priced mining in the Pittsburgh district has cut the West Virginia miner down. Every time the United Mine Workers make an effort to get an advance the operators refer us to the low priced mining of the

Pittsburgh field.

"In West Virginia the average price "In West Virginia the average pitch paid day laborers is \$2 10 for machine runners; \$1 85 is the average for help-ers; loading par ton is 35 cents where screens are used. We expect an advance on April 1st. The United Mine Workers' representation in West Virtive, January options being quoted at ginla is larger than appears. I learned to-day that the miners at Tyrconnell, The cotton manufacture meets but Pairmont district, have gone on a their hasty action. We expect to send S. C. Harless, president of District No. 17, there as soon as he can get away from the Indianapolis conference. We did have 24,000 miners in West Virginia, but many of them have gone to other states. We have 15,000 left. 2,000 United Mine Workers. While the operators have refused to attend the inter-state conference, those in the New River sub-district have met with us and in the future we expect that a large

> prices. "HENRY STEPHENSON. National Board Member United Mine Workers of America."

number of the operators will partici-

pate in the conference plan of settling

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 26.—There was no session of the joint scale committee of the miners and operators this morning. The committee adjourned last night to permit the miners to hold an executive session this morning to discuss district differentials.

The executive session adjourned at 12 o'clock. The radical element favored holding out for twenty cents increas and the run of mine, with a flat differential of seven cents between hand and machine mining.

There was an animated debate, the

sentiment being divided. The miners will not finally adjourn until after the conference quits, President Harless, of district No. 17,

week.

West Virginia, got word to-day that
Failures for the week have been 231 the miners who struck at Tyree Connell, the Fairmont region, that state, Wednesday, have gone back to work, having securad ten tents advance. Several mines were affected.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

# For West Virginia, Western Pennsylva-nia and Ohio-Fair and warmer Saturday; liminishing northwesterly winds, increas-

ing cloudir Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as come by C. Schneer, druggist, corner of Ma and Pourteroth streets, was an follow